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THE CIVIL SERVICE ENQUIRY.

The commissioners who enquired into the working of the civil service cannot be compelled to make definite charges against any of the officials who have been declared negligent in their duty. But as men of character Mr. Fyvie and Mr. Bazin might reasonably have acceded to the request of Judge Cassels that they give more specific information than was contained in their report, in order that the present investigation might proceed along the most effective lines. The civil service report was a sweeping condemnation of the service, every official was placed under suspicion by the general charges of the commissioners, a suspicion which must be wholly unfair. No doubt it has been made that some men in the government employ have failed in the true performance of their duty, but certainly such assertions as have been made must be regarded as unjust. Messrs. Fyvie and Bazin on Saturday were requested to intimate more definitely those against whom the present enquiry might properly be directed. They refused to do so, but admitted that no fault attached to Hon. Mr. Brodeur. This was as far as they would go, and their position cannot be easily understood. The value of their report must be lessened by this failure to accede to a reasonable and proper request on the part of the investigating officer. Their attitude is scarcely creditable to men of their standing.

THE DAY NURSERY.

Today a new institution created for the benefit of the poor is opened in St. John. The need of a day nursery where care may be taken of the children of mothers who are forced to go out to work, has long been apparent. On several occasions proposals for the establishment of a crèche have been made, but in the past it has been felt that sufficient demands were being made on the generosity of the people. However so many cases demanding such an institution have been brought to notice, that ladies interested in social welfare have decided that even at the risk of failure they must go ahead. The outcome already has proven that failure is not to be feared. St. John men and women, already contributing most generously to various forms of charity, are prepared to assume, if necessary, the maintenance of another institution. Any calls which the managing committee may find it necessary to make will meet with ready response, for in this city no deserving cause is ever allowed to suffer from lack of funds. The nursery will be supported; this will undoubtedly demand unceasing effort on the part of those in charge, but their work will be crowned with success, which will be all the more appreciated because of the effort required. The institution will be a blessing to scores of mothers in all parts of the city, who are now handicapped in the battle of life by the constant attention necessary to their little ones.

THE REJUVENATED COUNCIL.

The common council elected in April, 1907, will hold its final business session this afternoon; the new council, which is practically the present one, will meet for organization tomorrow. It can scarcely be said that the past year has reflected exceptional honor on those who sit around the board; it can scarcely be hoped that the future will show any improvement. There has not been sufficient changes in the personnel to indicate any radical improvement in the methods of conducting business, but for this the addresser is not to blame. Naturally they all desire to remain in office; unaccountably the electors are content to leave them remain. The fault lies wholly in the indifference of the people. We are not fit to govern ourselves, and perhaps we are getting quite as good a civic administration as we deserve. Several of the members of the board—these numbers painfully few—have put forth honest effort in the past, but they are unable to wholly overcome the incompetence of their associates. They will probably continue to do their best, and it is to be hoped they will meet with a larger measure of success. Mayor Bullock has, as chairman of the treasury board, displayed considerable originality, and while it cannot be said that his work has resulted in economic administration still he has initiative, and will hereafter be in a position to propose with some authority, measures for the benefit of the city. Little can be hoped from the rejuvenated council; if any improvement is apparent it will come as a pleasurable disappointment.

A BAD MAN GONE.

The death of old Chief Pispot, of the Drib, is the end of a disappointed

Mrs. Pispot, since early manhood, has wanted to fight. He was a typical Fenimore Cooper Indian, subtle, treacherous and cunning, but he never seemed able to force the courage of his braves to the attacking point. He, however, did in a small way all that it was possible for him to do. At the time of the Red Rebellion he got ready to fight, had his men armed and equipped for a campaign and throughout the whole of the fighting he menaced the government forces without striking a blow. Had Pispot participated in the rebellion the Canadian government would have faced a very difficult proposition. As it was, the old chief—for he was a very old man then—merely threatened. Before and after the rebellion he has persistently annoyed the departmental officials; he has tormented missionaries, laughed at the teachers sent to his reserves, and made life a burden to all who strive towards the improvement of the Indian race.

Yet for Pispot there has always been a certain sympathy. He was a greater man than any of those who formerly held sway on the plains, and it was a hardship for one of his wild disposition to remain, literally, a prisoner on a small section of that country over which formerly he had ruled.

IN MEMORIAM.

Let us remember our dead; but not with the weakness of weeping. Let the courage and cheer that were theirs put our grieving to shame. Were they the victors or vanquished? No matter, they ever were keeping. Face forward, keen eyes to the foe, in their hearts a clear flame. Only all-glorious Death gave pause to these spirits of daring; At his signal they halted, ground arms, and lay down to their rest. Here are wreaths for your graves, O beloved. For us, we must onward be facing. Must strive as you strove, and must give, as you gave, of our best.

HAD 'EM AGAIN.

Dr. S. Melr Mitchell tells with keen enjoyment of the experience of a medical friend of his who engaged a nurse recently graduated, for a case of diphtheria tremens. The physician succeeded in quieting the patient and left some medicine, instructing the nurse to administer it to him, if he began to see green again. At the next call the physician found the patient again ravine. To his puzzled inquiry the nurse replied that the man had been going on dead way for several hours and that she had not given him any medicine. "But didn't I tell you to give it to him if he began to see snakes again?" demanded the physician. "But he didn't see snakes this time," replied the nurse confidently. "He saw red, white and blue turkeys with straw hats on."

NOT CURIOUS.

A certain employer of labor had received many complaints from his foreman as to one of the hands, who, though an excellent workman, and one whom it was undesirable to dismiss altogether, could never be induced to arrive at the proper time in the morning. To the employer, determining to expostulate with the offender personally, arrived early one morning and laid in wait for him. In due time the delinquent one strolled in, and was accosted wrathfully. "Do you know what time we begin work here in the morning?" "No, sir," was the calm reply, "I know they're always at it when I get here."

CAN KEEP A SECRET.

And now a St. Louis man says that if there be such a thing as "the secretive sex," that sex is woman. He said it in explanation of his announcement determination never to employ another man as his private secretary. He has had several men in the office for her own benefit. He gives a specific case. A certain railroad was to build a new spur in some way it became known throughout the office of the road, where the right of way was to be made. Most of the men in the office made hurried attempts to buy the land, in order to make a profit of it. There were as many women in the office as men, and some of them had the financial sense as strongly developed; but not one woman tried to buy the land. The men were willing to take the risk of embarrassing the company which employed them. The women were not. Of the less subtle treacheries, the St. Louis man cites cases, also. He says he never has known a woman who would deliberately sell information to a rival of her employer, but he has known many men who would—Advance.

THE INFERIOR FEMALE MIND.

The Christmas honor list at London University is a rather curious one. At first sight one would almost think that the university was a female institution. In the first class honor list in classics the names of two women stand alone; in the second class five out of seven names are feminine, and in the third class seven out of nine are of the same gender. Even more remarkable, in view of ancient associations about the incapacity of the female intellect for severe studies, is the mathematical honor list. Here one woman stands alone in the first class. In the second class there are no names, and in the third only one man. Somewhat similar is the record in the examination for the degree of Bachelor of Science—first class, one woman and one man, second class, one woman—N. Y. Tribune.

TO EXPLORE ANT-ARCTIC ISLAND

Strange Tales of Sea Captain Excite Curiosity of Scientists.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., May 3.—The only vessel in the world which makes regular trips to far away Desolation Island, or Kerguelen Island as it is put down on the charts in the Antarctic Ocean, the brig Daisy, Captain Benjamin D. Cleveland, will have more important missions than the mere gathering of sea elephants oil, her usual cargo, when she starts on her next cruise early this month. The persistence of nature, and scientific men have at last won, and after years of importuning, the promises of Captain Cleveland has been secured that he will lend his endeavors to the world of the sea, animal and vegetable life in the Antarctic region.

Captain Cleveland has been commissioned by the U. S. Fish and Game Commission to collect such botanical and zoological specimens as he can and to bring back as many specimens as possible to the various museums. The Daisy has been stored with preservatives for the various kinds of life and sufficient money has been advanced by the scientist to ensure the project being attractive and profitable for the owners and men of the brig.

The scientists who are responsible for this effort to bring about a greater knowledge of the Antarctic region, of which extremely little is known at the present time, are Professor Bumpus, of the American Museum of Natural History, Professor Lucas, of the Brooklyn Institute, and Professor Gull of the Peabody Museum at Yale. Ever since Captain Cleveland has been going to Desolation Island he has been beset by naturalists and mining engineers to allow them to accompany him, but he has only yielded from time to time to bring some specimens of ore, which a western mining expert declared was worth \$100,000 a ton, and a skeleton of a sea elephant. His descriptions also disclose that the extreme southern seas teem with fish life unknown, or at least, unfamiliar to northern naturalists.

The island, which it is believed was once covered with great forests, is now buried under lava and underneath this stratum, the men of the Daisy have discovered a skeleton of a sea elephant, and the skeletons of strange beasts, the carcasses of the northern mammals are curious to learn if some of the new modern research will not be revealed if Captain Cleveland can bring back some of these fossils at least in part.

TRAIN ROBBERS WERE ARRESTED IN MEXICO

LAREDO, Tex., May 4.—It was learned here today that through the activity of the police officers of the Wells Fargo Company are in jail, and both men have confessed. They are Luis Cutting, chief clerk in the general offices of the Express Company, and Rodolfo Alvarez, alias Rodriguez, the express messenger who disappeared in Aysas Calientes. The money was found by the police in Cutting's room.

SALVATION ARMY OFFICER RETIRES THROUGH ILL HEALTH

CHICAGO, May 4.—Nearing physical breakdown, Commissioner George A. Kilby, the western head of the Salvation Army, has requested General Booth to relieve him of his command. A public farewell demonstration on a large scale will be conducted, the commissioner and his wife next Wednesday night. Commissioner Kilby has been in command of all Salvation Army operations extending over two-thirds of the United States for the past three years. His territory extends westward to the Pacific Coast from a line north and south between Duluth and New Orleans.

EYESTRAIN!

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CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS TO PROMOTE PEACE

BOSTON, May 2.—It was announced tonight by the officers of the First Church of Christ (Scientist) that a new by-law bearing on the subject of peace had been adopted. The by-law reads as follows: "It shall be the duty of the members of the Church and of its branch churches to promote peace on earth and good will towards men; but to do this is not confined to form outside organizations. Members of the mother church shall not hereafter become members of peace societies but shall promote the welfare of all mankind by demonstrating the rules of Divine Love."

HOPE TO SAVE WRECKED VESSEL

NEW YORK, May 3.—Wreckers were at work all day Sunday on the ship Peter Richters, which ran on the Long Island shore at Zach's Inlet, near Fire Island, soon after leaving this port last Thursday with a cargo of cases of Rangoon. Most of the day was spent in the lightening the cargo, several barges having been towed to the scene for the purpose. At high water two tugs tried for half an hour to pull the ship into deeper water. They succeeded in moving the vessel twenty feet and the wreckers will renew their efforts in this direction at high tide tomorrow. A piping wind and high seas prevailed during the early hours today but the ship, despite the pounding that occurred, is not leaking. Wind and sea tonight had moderated.

Old Coughs

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DEATHS.

ROWLEY—May 2nd, Sarah, beloved wife of Joseph Rowley, leaving a husband to mourn.

FOSTER—On May 3rd, at her residence, 141 Victoria street, Margaret Henrietta, beloved wife of John Foster, leaving four sons and two daughters.

Funeral at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon. Services at the house at two.

INGRAM—In this city, on May 3rd Joseph Ingram, in the 67th year of his age, leaving a wife, two sons and five daughters to mourn their sad loss.

Funeral from his late residence, 38 Harrison street, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. Friends are invited to attend.

STARR—On Sunday, May 3rd, Mary Beis, widow Richard Peniston Starr and daughter of the late L. H. DeVeber.

Funeral from her late residence, 31 Carleton street, at 2:30 p. m. on Tuesday, the 5th instant.

WESTMORE—At Bloomfield Station, Kings Co., Friday morning at 9 o'clock, Clayton B., youngest son of Eva S. and W. E. Westmore, aged 9 years.

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LAVISH PREPARATIONS TO WELCOME FLEET

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 3.—In eager expectancy, San Francisco is waiting the arrival of the Atlantic battleship fleet. The masts are bared, the houses in order, and the best is set. The members of the household are clothed in their best and are busy with the final arrangements of bows and other adornment.

Fluttering flags, navy pennants and streamers and Rear Admiral Evans' picture are everywhere. Market street is a long vista of bunting in the national colors and flags waving from white poles fifty feet high, every one hundred feet one large and a cluster of five smaller flags flying from each one and terminating in the huge red, white and blue shield on the tall ferry tower. On each side of the tower stretched on long wires are the words "Welcome to the Atlantic fleet" in the colors of the International Navy signal code flags and pennants, while on Telegraph Hill the word "Welcome" stands in letters fifty feet high, which can be read for many miles and which at night will be illuminated by 2,500 electric lights.

The fire started in a barn belonging to Mr. Cassidy and spread from there to another barn and to the three tenement houses close by. It is estimated that the total loss is \$25,000. The insurance is unknown.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 2.—During the progress of a fire tonight in the four story building on State St., occupied by Frank E. Fowler a wholesale dealer in crockery, paper and other supplies, and while the police were endeavoring to establish fire lines to keep back the throngs of spectators, a disturbance of considerable proportions was precipitated between the officers and bystanders which resulted in the policemen using their clubs freely. It is said, and some arrests have been made, the charge against at first being "inciting a riot" but this was changed to breach of the peace.

James O'Connell, one of the firemen, who had entered the burning building, was caught beneath a heavy beam of paper and, unable to extricate himself, was nearly overcome by dense smoke before he was rescued by Captain Flemming and a lieutenant of the fire department.

The fire started in the upper part of the building as a result of a defective fuse and burned out the two upper of the four floors and caused damage to the building and stock estimated at about \$20,000.

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TENEMENT BURNED; OCCUPANTS ESCAPE DAMAGE BY LIGHTNING IN MASSACHUSETTS

GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass., May 3.—Six families lost their homes and were driven to the street in the early dawn, scantily clad, by the burning of three tenement houses owned by Peter Cassidy at the corner of Main and Cottage streets today. The fire is believed to be of incendiary origin. Mrs. Thomas Hennehan, 75 years old, who lived in a house across the street from the burning buildings, died of heart failure as a result of the shock caused by the fire. She had been in feeble health for months. All the occupants of the three burned houses got out unharmed, though two, Mrs. Joseph Walbroek were partly overcome by smoke and had to be carried out. Nearly all the furnishings of the houses were burned. The fire started in a barn belonging to Mr. Cassidy and spread from there to another barn and to the three tenement houses close by. It is estimated that the total loss is \$25,000. The insurance is unknown.

NEW YORK CASHIER SHOOT HIMSELF

BOSTON, May 2.—Henry F. Fowle, aged 33 years, of New York, expert accountant and cashier of Warren Brothers Company, of New York, New Haven and Boston, killed himself by shooting through the head on the grounds of the Boston Athletic Association at Riverside today. Mr. Fowle came here last night to visit his sister, who lives in New London and was on the way to her home. He is believed to have become temporarily insane on account of overwork and despondency. He leaves a widow and daughter in New York.

BOSTON SOCIETY'S WORK FOR DECENCY

BOSTON, Mass., May 2.—The 30th annual report of the New England Watch and Ward Society, just issued, shows an unusual activity on the part of the society this year. There have been 9 convictions of crimes against decency or public policy through the efforts of the agents of the society. There have been 2,569 obscene pictures seized and ordered destroyed by the courts, as well as 1,571 objectionable figures and 27 immoral books. Gambling machines valued in the aggregate at \$8,200 have been destroyed and \$4,263 in fines imposed.

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